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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of the subject application please amend thereof as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 8, 12-13, and 20-23 as follows. (A marked-up version of the claims is presented on page 1 of the Appendix 1 attached hereto).

8 (Amended). A method as claimed in one of claims 4 - 7, wherein, for the case of said longterm average exceeding said threshold, said determining step includes a condition that said excess must occur for a minimum period of time before it is determined that a potential or actual overpressure is occurring.